

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Central Hotel office is being repaired and renovated.

Baker's team loaded yesterday with supplies for Vulture.

The doors and locks were attached to the boxes in the new postoffice yesterday.

The electric light company is wiring the Capitol for the use of incandescent lamps.

The river is falling rapidly, and can now be crossed with safety at any of the usual fords.

William Crowhurst lectured again last night at the opera house on the subject of temperance.

Lewis E. Mann made final proof on commuted homestead before the District Court Clerk yesterday.

Mrs. Wilkerson moved her millinery establishment yesterday to Washington street, next to St. Clair & Pratt's.

The City Council discussed ways and means for sidewalk improvements last night, but came to no decisive action.

The confidence of the merchants in a large winter business is shown by the large amount of goods daily received by them.

The building trade is again becoming brisk. There will be many new buildings erected in the course of the next few months.

One hundred and six sacks of concentrates were sent in from the Phoenix mine yesterday to be stored until a shipment is made.

County Recorder Neri Osborne is preparing to erect a six-room frame residence upon his property in the northern part of the city at a cost of \$1600.

A large acreage of grain is being put in this fall. Farmers are all busy plowing, the ground being in the best possible condition from the late rains.

The Mayor has signed an order commanding the City Marshal to shoot all dogs at sight, after giving notice, caught on the street without the ordinance tag on.

The total city taxes collected to date by Marshal Blankenship are \$8,100.07. The Council objects to seeing city warrants discounted when the city credit is on such a basis.

A great entertainment is promised at the opera house November 25, when Gus Williams and John T. Kelly, supported by an excellent company, will present their new comedy, "U and I." It is said to be one of the biggest hits of the season.

The advance agent of Herrman and Lederer's U. & I. Company, in which the celebrated comedians Gus Williams and John T. Kelly are the attractions, arrived yesterday and distributed posters announcing the company's engagement for November 25.

Two Mexicans engaged in a row Sunday evening in the southeastern part of the city, culminating in a mutual discharge of revolvers at each other. No one was hurt, however. Four or five officers were promptly on the scene but did not succeed in capturing the chief malefactor.

A lively row occurred at Mesa City Saturday, a number of young fellows having a drunken disagreement in a saloon. Matters were very warm, indeed, when Deputy Constable John Pomeroy and Sheriff Gray came upon the scene and arrested the three main participants. They were taken before Justice Newell and fined in small amounts.

Engineer Cobb announces that he has turned the town clock twelve minutes ahead, bringing it up to standard time, and just thirty minutes faster than the San Francisco or railroad time. It will hereafter be carefully maintained on this time, Mr. Cobb governing the clock by telegraphic time sent from the Mount Hamilton Observatory.

The Marlow will contest case was before the District Court yesterday on appeal from a decision of the Probate Court, declaring the will null and void on account of testator's subsequent marriage. Attorney-General Clark Churchill and Baker & Campbell appeared on behalf of Ed. Marlow, sole legatee under the will, and C. F. Ainsworth and E. J. Edwards for Eva A. Marlow, wife of deceased. A number of witnesses were examined in defense of the will.

Sheriff Gray has summoned the following gentlemen to constitute the Grand Jury to serve for the November term of the District Court, returnable on Tuesday, 18, at 10 a. m.: J. J. Sweeney, W. J. LeBaron, J. G. Field, E. Irvine, Eugene Carruthers, J. L. Green, Robert Banta, Ben Block, J. H. Pomeroy, Thomas H. King, Daniel Bagley, G. F. Kemper, C. F. Springer, Amos Hawks, A. J. Hoskin. Twenty-five petit jurors are summoned for November 24 at 9 o'clock a. m.

PERSONAL.

F. A. Gully returned yesterday from a trip to Gila Bend.

J. M. W. Moore registered yesterday at the Mills House.

P. McMerrin and C. A. Willows, from Fort Thomas, are at the Lemon Hotel.

J. M. W. Moore, Prescott, and H. A. Morgan, Willcox, registered yesterday at the Mills House.

C. E. Noel, wife and son left Sunday morning for San Antonio, Texas, where they will reside in the future.

George P. Dykes and Eugene Carruthers are in the city from Gila Bend attending to matters affecting their school district.

H. C. Struson, San Francisco, Z. A. Baker, Madisonville, Ky., and Melville Stoltz, of the U. I. Co., are registered at the Commercial.

C. I. Robson, C. R. Hakes, Justice Newell, John Pomeroy and Charles Lewis were in the city yesterday from Mesa attending to legal business.

Herbert R. Patrick returned yesterday from San Diego, where he has been spending several months in the prosecution of several enterprises of benefit to the Salt River Valley.

F. A. Gully, Tucson, Wm. T. Carter, Tip Top, Frank Miller, Mesa City, L. Ortega and son, Agua Fria, C. S. Williams, Kansas City, Tom Grant, Tonto, are registered at the Central Hotel.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Important Meeting Last Evening—Time for Paying Taxes Extended.

The City Council met last night, with Councilmen Burger, Barry and Dorris present, and Mayor McGlasson and W. T. Smith absent. Councilman Burger was chosen chairman.

The Marshal's statement was read and examined, and time extended for report to Monday, November 24.

The time for paying taxes was extended until Monday, November 24, 1890, which is positively the first and only extension that will be made, all taxes not paid at that time to become delinquent and subject to the penalty.

Councilman Barry was appointed a committee of one to have a crosswalk,

the same as those last constructed on Washington street at Cortez, with authority to have the work done at once.

The City Recorder was ordered to purchase 300 dog tags for the year 1891. Adjournment was then taken until Monday, November 24.

"Skimmers is Skimmers."

From the San Francisco Bulletin.

Senator Sherman was not so far out of the way when he jocularly said that it was the women who were in part responsible for the political upheaval on Tuesday last. There were only four weeks before election in which to explain the operations of a bill, the full and precise effect of which will not be known for a year or more. The short interval referred to was made use of quite liberally to run up prices, especially in the East.

In the effort to manufacture sentiment against the tariff, the figures were raised on articles upon which the taxes had been reduced. It is stated that a thrifty Democratic stockholder on the other side advanced the price of sewing needles, though these articles had been transferred to the free list.

Hon. J. M. Thurston, President of the Republican League clubs of the United States, yesterday said: "The natural tendency of prices was upward, among which can be named those of boots, shoes, iron, lumber and other commodities, although the tax was reduced on these and other things. We struck a rising market with the passage of the McKinley bill and all this is laid to it."

A story is going the rounds of a general advance in prices in one of the small towns contiguous to the Bay of San Francisco a few days before the election, to the great consternation of grangers, who had come in to purchase their usual supplies. But on inquiry they found that there was no general increase in the Republican stores.

Veracious history is to the effect that the Democrats who put up the job, lost their trade and failed to make any votes.

There is an old story of a pertinacious peddler who asked a merchant for some goods to hawk around the county. The merchant at first said he had no goods that could be disposed of that way. But suddenly recollecting himself he stated that there was a lot of old skimmers at the back of the store which he could have if he wished.

With these the peddler loaded up and went around to the farmers' houses, offering three skimmers at an advanced price. But the thrifty housewife at first refused to listen to him. It was then his habit to say: "Oh, very well, I know what is going on. Pretty soon you will have to pay for one skimmer as much as I now ask for three. Skimmers are skimmers." The sequel was he sold the whole lot. The Democrats in the late election seem to have pursued the same policy as the peddler. They shouted at the corners, "Skimmers are skimmers."

The only difference was that the Democratic skimmers covered pretty much the whole line of human wants in the United States. It did not matter a great deal whether any particular line of skimmers had its tax reduced or had been placed on the free list. The shout went down along the Democratic line, "Skimmers are skimmers" and no mistake.

But when the next election comes around it will not be possible to weave any economic fiction about these useful household articles or any others. The country will have advanced by that time very far along the line of the new industries which the new tariff is designed to foster. It will be quite certain then that the United States in the near future will be able to supply itself with sugar, and the drain for that staple can be stopped. It will be established that we are able to furnish all the tin plate we want, and that the thirty or forty millions now going annually to Wales will stay at home. Not only this, but the price of the articles will be reduced.

There will be likewise a grand development of California nuts and fruits. Fresno will drive Malaga from the field. Already Tahiti oranges are out of the market. And lastly, California barley will wholly supplant the Canadian product. Then it will be futile to raise the off-year cry of "Skimmers are skimmers."

There will not be a housewife in the land who can be cheated by the Democratic political peddler, no matter how skillfully he may seek to cajole. It is quite evident, therefore, that the proposition that "Skimmers are skimmers" is not a foundation upon which any very lofty or enduring political edifice can be erected. It will have disappeared long before any voting has again to be done.

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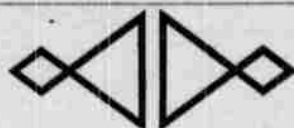
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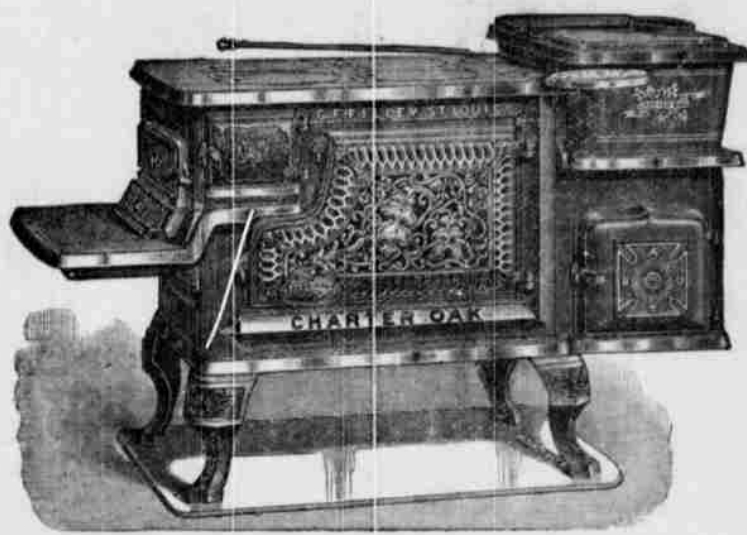
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